

NEWS RELEASE

EMX Royalty Receives Initial Cash Payment of US \$65 Million From IG Copper's Sale of the Malmyzh Project

Vancouver, British Columbia, October 30, 2018 (TSX Venture: EMX; NYSE American: EMX) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the "Company" or "EMX") is pleased to announce that it has received its initial cash distribution of US \$65.15 million from IG Copper LLC's ("IGC") sale of the Malmyzh copper-gold porphyry project ("Malmyzh" or the "Project"). IGC sold Malmyzh to Russian Copper Company ("RCC") for US \$200 million, of which US \$190 million has been released from escrow¹. The remaining US \$10 million from the sale is being held in escrow, and subject to certain conditions, cash distributions of up to US \$4 million will be made to EMX as funds are released from escrow over the next 12 months.

EMX's strategic investment in IGC resulted from the Company's recognition of Malmyzh in 2011 as an early-stage opportunity with excellent discovery potential. EMX took a disciplined investment approach by backing IGC's initiatives to steadily advance the Project over the years, and when market conditions allowed, maximized value for EMX's shareholders and IGC's investors by supporting the sale of Malmyzh to RCC. The Malmyzh sale is a milestone event for EMX, and the Company enthusiastically looks forward to future successes in building value for its shareholders.

About EMX. EMX leverages asset ownership and exploration insight into partnerships that advance our mineral properties, with EMX receiving pre-production payments and retaining royalty interests. EMX complements its royalty generation initiatives with royalty acquisitions and strategic investments. Please see <u>www.EMXroyalty.com</u> for more information.

About IGC. IGC, a privately held company, is led by President and CEO Thomas E. Bowens, and includes key personnel with a track record of exploration discovery and project development in the Russian Far East.

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¹ See EMX news release dated October 11, 2018.

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